

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM  
April 26, 2011 Minutes

Dan Smutz, ASPD  
John Hamel, SPD  
Pete Brenenstuhl, SCSO  
John Wright, J&W Driving Improve. School  
Gregg Roero, Fla. Safety Council  
Larry Wynn, FDOT, TEDS  
Pat Mylett, AAA Auto Club South  
Sheryl Bradley, FDOT, HNTB  
Colleen Jarrell, HNTB  
Shad Smith, SCE  
Marvin Jones, J&W Driving Improve. School  
Jeff Napier, LMPD  
JoJo Sturm, SCSO  
Vanessa Dick, SCSO  
Lalon Grago, Caregiver Reminder Bracelet

Robert Ladoczky, LPD  
Jim McKenna, LPD  
Will Maxwell, WSPD  
Mike Blinn, SCTE  
James Roark, SCPS  
Robert Asbill, FHP  
Dwayne Walker, OPD  
Robin Butler, DPS  
Terri Touchton, SCTE  
Tung-Lung Cheng, MetroPlan Orlando  
Ronnie Gregory, LMPD  
David Morgenstern, SPD  
Dacia Maisonave, SCSO  
Joy Goff-Marcil, DOH  
Tamara Groeneveldt, DOH

Robin opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

Robin requested review and approval of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Robert Ladoczky made motion to approve the minutes, and Ronnie Gregory seconded.

**Old Business:**

The Train Safety Awareness Week update was tabled due to all the stats not being in.

**New Business:**

Tabled until later in meeting

**Traffic Fatality Report:**

Mike Blinn reviewed traffic fatality reports as follows: **April 6, 2011, Mullet Lake Park Rd. and Osceola Rd.** It was noted a request has been received for a four way stop. Mike advised he would look at supporting data regarding crashes at this location. **April 10, 2011, I-4 close to Wymore.** It was noted by witnesses that the driver involved in this crash had been driving erratically and aggressively prior to losing control of the vehicle which resulted in a single vehicle incident where the driver was partially ejected.

Mike also provided a summary of current traffic fatalities for 2011 and it was noted that 12 of 15 fatalities involved the lack of safety equipment use. Robin advised she will run DL's.

Sheryl Bradley advised that she has been appointed to develop and oversee the Click It or Ticket campaign and was appreciate any assistance. Dave Morgenstern advised that he would assist.

Ronnie Gregory relayed that many in LE are reluctant to issue traffic citations due to the cost associated. It was determined that a sub-committee would review the existing data to determine if changes should

be recommended. The sub-committee will meet Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., Lake Mary Police Department to review 5 years of data from each municipality.

**Roadway Safety Assessment Team:**

Colleen thanked everyone for the cards and thoughts and advised that her husband is doing better. She discussed her husband's crash, which occurred the last day of Bike Week when he was hit head on by a driver presumed to be under the influence (lab results have not been completed). She noted some areas of concern, including, but not limited to, the number of motorcycle riders in ICU at the hospital during the 24 hours it took for her husband to be admitted, inaccurate crash and injury reporting during Bike Week, non-required air transport for motorcycle crash victims as opposed to vehicle occupants who were ejected. Sheryl noted there is always a fine line between promoting events in regards to tourism dollars and the reporting of Bike Week crashes, with Colleen noting we don't want to hurt the businesses/economy and scare people off, yet riders need to be scared to the point that they utilize safety equipment. Robin noted that at least one of the three motorcycle fatalities in Seminole County would have most likely survived had the proper safety gear been used. Robin also noted that she was not aware that the helmet should not be removed before patient arrives at medical facility and has an x-ray. Sheryl advised that Colleen will be a speaker at the next CTST Coalition meeting about the experience with the crash and that the meeting will actually series, going from start to finish to determine where shortfalls are and how the four E's can best be utilized. Law enforcement, State Attorney's Office, EMS will be part of the process to discuss protocol, etc. Colleen also noted that the driver of the vehicle responsible for her husband's crash was initially charged with a misdemeanor and they were able to have it bumped up to a felony because of their awareness of the system and knowledge of the laws. So many people do not know what their rights are and how or where to go to get help.

The Celery Ave. and Peninsula Pt. location was reviewed and it was recommended that double chevrons be installed. Shad advised that DOT has funded the 415 widening starting next year and Celery would be realigned at that time. Mike noted that Traffic would be posting signs as soon as the utility locates were complete.

Fernwood at Oxford Rd. and related bus stops was reviewed and Shad noted he is having a consultant look at this area for improvement. Mike advised he would have pedestrian counts done. Shad further noted he spoke with Lynx on Friday and they are still looking at moving the stop in the future. Mike stated that Traffic Engineering will replace the existing pedestrian crossing signs with new signs.

Ronnie Gregory discussed 46A and International Pkway, advising that drivers are coming out of the Publix Plaza attempting to make a left turn to go east on 46A and can't. Shad advised we will review area again.

Robin introduced Lalon Grago, developer of Caregiver Reminder Bracelets who spoke about hyperthermia resulting when children are left in cars in extreme heat. 49 children succumbed to heatstroke across the nation last year, 13 in Texas and 6 in Florida. Place the Caregiver Reminder Bracelet in the child safety seat when not used by the child and then place it on the drivers arm when

transporting the child as a reminder to remove the child when exiting the vehicle. Bracelets and additional information can be obtained at [www.caregiverbracelet.com](http://www.caregiverbracelet.com).

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### **Problems/Solutions Report:**

Shad reviewed the report, noting the following:

- SR 434 & Wekiva Springs Rd. – is being given to an FDOT consultant.
- Ronald Reagan Blvd. & Bay Ave. – PBSJ is still updating plans.
- Eagle Circle – School Board issue. Shad noted that Engineering will be installing sidewalks at Sterling Park around Eagle Circle.
- Lake Emma Rd Construction area – Lengthy discussion regarding this area and it was suggested additional speed limit signs be installed in the median and that larger signing be considered.
- Rangeline at Devonshire – Roadway Safety Assessment Team will look at next week. There was a discussion regarding Devonshire and several other stop signs located in the area.
- Alafaya (434) and Chapman - FDOT will check on status.
- SR 434 WB and I-4 EB Entrance Ramp – Mike will be sending crash reports to FDOT today.
- EB SR 434 and SR 417 – FDOT doing study.
- Myrtle St and South Sanford Ave – closed
- CR 46A @ Georgia Ave - TE determined that signing was not warranted. There was a discussion regarding a gap in the striping and Robin recommended sending a request to Mark to close in striping gap to discourage left turns. Shad noted that future roadway project will include hard median.
- Ronald Reagan @ RR/Bay Ave – TE to install a “No U Turn” sign.
- Virginia Ave & 8<sup>th</sup> St – Robin noted she sent the request for review last night.

### **Announcements:**

- May 27<sup>th</sup> CPS Check up event at Babies R Us is cancelled.
- All entities having Cinco de Mayo in their jurisdictions need to send stats to Dan Smutz, ASPD.
- Safety Zone Campaign at Bentley Elementary on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 8:40 a.m. JoJo advised they could use assistance.
- Robin to find out if Casselberry PD is doing Memorial Day Operation.
- Click It or Ticket Wave begins May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Dave Morganstern agreed to help with media.
- June 1st – one day CPS Technician Certification renewal class at Altamonte Springs COPS Center.
- Will noted Winter Springs will have fireworks July 4<sup>th</sup> and letters have gone out to all of the Agencies requesting assistance.
- Tamara advised this is her last CTST meeting and introduced Joy Goff-Marcil who will be taking her place.
- Mike noted that Rinehart and Oregon will be signalized soon. Rinehart and Walmart has been placed in budget, but doesn't know status as yet.
- Church and 17-92 signal – Larry to check on status.
- Mike questioned the bridge between I-tech to TE from the SO and was advised of meeting on Thursday that he could attend.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Lake Mary Police Department, located at 165 E. Crystal Lake Drive.